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Report Highlights:

According to the Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) Entities' Agricultural Ministries, the winter wheat area is approximately 50,450 hectares, down for 12% from the previous season. The main reason for this decline is that grain production is less profitable than other crops. Presently, only 60% to 70% of planned wheat area has been sown because of delayed corn harvest and adverse weather conditions during October and November.

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Wheat

The Entity Ministries of Agriculture¹ unofficially reported that 2007/2008 planned winter wheat area is 50,450 hectares (20,450 in the Federation of BiH and 30,000 ha in the Republika Srpska), which is 12% lower than the previous season. The main reason for this decline is that grain production is not as profitable as other crops. Currently, approximately 60% to 70 % of planned wheat area has been sown because of unfavorable weather conditions. Increased precipitation in the second half of October and November delayed the corn harvest and made wheat sowing very difficult, and in some areas impossible. If weather permits, farmers will continue sowing wheat in the coming period and will increase spring sowing. Because of adverse weather conditions at sowing, an average wheat yield of 2,5 MT/ha will likely be lowered at harvest time.

Barley

Total planned winter barley area is approximately 8,000 ha. Presently, only 60% to 70 % of planned barley area has been sown because of unfavorable weather conditions.

¹ Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) consists of two Entities, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (F BiH) and Republika Srpska (RS), and there are two levels of government - the entity-level and the state level government. The Entities are responsible for agricultural and food issues, and there is no state-level agricultural ministry.